

justice in words. In the last month, I saw that inner strength shining through. He was not ready to leave us. He was not ready to leave my Mom. And he fought and he fought til his last day. I realize now that maybe I was right when I was five or six. Maybe he was a super hero. But it wasn't the muscles in his arms that made him that, it was that giant muscle in his chest. And all of us who knew him are better people because of it.

When I started to piece this together, I came across a poem that reminds me of my Dad to a tee. I would like to share it with you. It is anonymously penned, entitled "Don't Quit."

"When things go wrong as they sometimes will;

When the road you're trudging seems all uphill;

When the funds are low, and the debts are high

And you want to smile, but you have to sigh;

When care is pressing you down a bit—

Rest if you must, but do not quit.

Success is failure turned inside out;

The silver tint of clouds of doubt;

And you can never tell how close you are

It may be near when it seems so far;

So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—

It's when things go wrong that you must not quit."

Well, thank you all for letting me share a little bit about him with you. And in my Dad's own words, "I love you Dad. Okay bye."

So Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise to recognize the memory of Michael Wronikowski.

IN HONOR OF ADMIRAL JAMES
WATKINS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American and his significant contributions to building the smart, proud, and effective Navy and Marine Corps that so ably serve our Nation today. On April 20, Admiral James D. Watkins is being inducted in the Naval Postgraduate School Hall of Fame and, the following day, the Mechanical Engineering building on campus will be renamed "Watkins Hall". Admiral Watkins graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1958 with a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. That experience, perhaps more than any other, helped Admiral Watkins develop his second career as one of our Nation's pre-eminent science and technology policy statesmen.

Admiral Watkins graduated with the Class of 1949 from the U.S. Naval Academy. He retired from the Navy in 1987 after serving five years as the Chief of Naval Operations, the most senior military command within the United States Navy. In between, he built a naval career at sea and on shore that is the model for service to this Nation and for every officer who followed.

After retiring from the Navy Admiral Watkins began this second career when President Reagan asked him to chair the Presidential Commission on AIDS. In 1989, President George H. Bush appointed him Secretary of Energy. As Secretary, Admiral Watkins helped

shape the 1992 Energy Policy Act through Congress. In 1994, Admiral Watkins built on the NPS tradition of collaborative education when he spearheaded the formation of CORE, the Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education. This public-private association is a partnership between the federal government and more than 80 marine research and education institutions. CORE developed a comprehensive national ocean science and technology research agenda. In 1996, I proudly joined my congressional colleagues in passing the National Oceanographic Partnership Act, legislation that grew directly out of Admiral Watkins' leadership at CORE.

In 2001, Admiral Watkins left CORE's helm to chair the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy. In 2004, the Commission delivered its landmark report to Congress and the President that recommended major reforms to U.S. ocean policy. Admiral Watkins' leadership infused the report and, as so often happened before, served as the catalyst for congressional action. I am pleased to be the sponsor of Oceans-21 that will implement many of the Commission's key recommendations.

While no one act can recognize all that Admiral Watkins has done for our Nation's military and environmental security, the dedication of Watkins Hall at the Naval Postgraduate School is a fitting tribute to one of our Nation's most distinguished Naval officers.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ONCOLOGY NURSING SOCIETY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the House Cancer Caucus, I rise today to pay tribute to oncology nurses. This year the Oncology Nursing Society is celebrating its 30th Anniversary. During that time, we have seen great advancements in cancer care. Cancer patients have a better chance of survival than ever before. In the past 20 years, the survival rate has doubled from 32 percent to 64 percent. Oncology nurses have played a big part in that.

Oncology nurses are vital to providing quality care. They are on the frontlines in our nation's battle against cancer, and serve an essential role to, not only their patients, but also to the American public. Dr. Andrew von Eschenbach, the director of the U.S. National Cancer Institute, has stated, "By 2015, we can eliminate cancer suffering and death." Dr. von Eschenbach's goal can only be achieved with oncology nurses. Every day, oncology nurses see the pain and suffering caused by cancer and understand the physical, emotional, and financial challenges that people with cancer face throughout their diagnosis and treatment.

These nurses are principally involved in the administration and monitoring of chemotherapy and the associated side-effects patients experience. As anyone ever treated for cancer will tell you, oncology nurses are intelligent, well-trained, highly skilled, kind-hearted angels who provide quality clinical, psychosocial and supportive care to patients and their families. In short, they are integral to our nation's cancer care delivery system.

The Oncology Nursing Society's mission is to promote excellence in oncology nursing and quality cancer care. To that end, ONS honors and maintains nursing's historical and essential commitment to advocate for the public good by providing nurses and healthcare professionals with access to the highest quality educational programs, cancer-care resources, research opportunities and networks for peer support. ONS has 13 chapters in my home state of New York, which help oncology nurses provide high quality cancer care to patients and their families in our state.

I thank all oncology nurses for their dedication to our nation's cancer patients, and commend the Oncology Nursing Society for all of its efforts and leadership over the last 30 years. They have contributed immensely to the quality and accessibility of care for all cancer patients and their families, and I urge my colleagues to support them in their important endeavors.

HONORING THE ONCOLOGY NURSING SOCIETY ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to oncology nurses. Oncology nurses play an important and essential role in providing quality cancer care. These nurses are principally involved in the administration and monitoring of chemotherapy and the associated side-effects patients experience. As anyone ever treated for cancer will tell you, oncology nurses are intelligent, well-trained, highly skilled, kind-hearted angels who provide quality clinical, psychosocial and supportive care to patients and their families. In short, they are integral to our nation's cancer care delivery system.

I congratulate the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) on its 30th Anniversary. ONS is the largest organization of oncology health professionals in the world, with more than 31,000 registered nurses and other health care professionals. Since 1975, ONS has been dedicated to excellence in patient care, teaching, research, administration and education in the field of oncology. The Society's mission is to promote excellence in oncology nursing and quality cancer care. To that end, ONS honors and maintains nursing's historical and essential commitment to advocate for the public good by providing nurses and healthcare professionals with access to the highest quality educational programs, cancer-care resources, research opportunities and networks for peer support. ONS has 19 chapters in my home state of California, which help oncology nurses provide high quality cancer care to patients and their families in our state.

Cancer is a complex, multifaceted and chronic disease, and people with cancer are best served by a multidisciplinary health care team specialized in oncology care, including nurses who are certified in that specialty. Each year in the United States, approximately 1.37 million people are diagnosed with cancer, another 570,000 lose their battles with this terrible disease, and more than 8 million Americans count themselves among a growing community known as cancer survivors. Every day,